## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST E OLA MAU NA LEO O KEKAHA.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that E Ola Mau Na Leo O
- 2 Kekaha proposes to obtain, remediate, and develop the old Kekaha
- 3 Sugar Mill from Kekaha MS, LLC, in Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii,
- 4 through its subsidiary Kekaha Community Development Corporation,
- 5 to create, among other things, a smart farming enterprise,
- 6 tourist and cultural center, community sunshine market,
- 7 community greenhouse, and community manufacturing and incubator
- 8 facility. Acquiring, remediating, and developing the property
- 9 to provide various services will address community and island-
- 10 wide issues relating to the preservation of a historic cultural
- 11 site, preservation of important agricultural endeavors, and
- 12 development and creation of diverse economic drivers on the west
- 13 side of Kauai that have significantly diminished in recent years
- 14 due to the closing of the Kekaha Sugar Mill.
- 15 The legislature additionally finds and declares that the
- 16 proposed acquisition, remediation, and development of the Kekaha
- 17 Sugar Mill through the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds



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- 1 under this Act is in the public interest and will further public
- 2 health, safety, and general welfare.
- 3 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
- 4 special purpose revenue bonds to assist E Ola Mau Na Leo O
- 5 Kekaha, with the financing, acquisition, remediation,
- 6 construction, and development of the old Kekaha Sugar Mill
- 7 through its subsidiary, Kekaha Community Development
- 8 Corporation.
- 9 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 10 Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
- 11 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 12 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 in one
- 13 or more series, for the purpose of assisting E Ola Mau Na Leo O
- 14 Kekaha, a Hawaii domestic 501(c)(3) entity, in acquiring,
- 15 remediating, and developing the aforementioned project. The
- 16 legislature hereby finds and determines that E Ola Mau Na Leo O
- 17 Kekaha's financing, acquisition, remediation, construction, and
- 18 development of this project constitutes projects as defined in
- 19 part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing
- 20 thereof will provide assistance to an industrial enterprise.

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- 1 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 2 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 3 shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 4 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
- 5 bonds to assist industrial enterprises.
- 6 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
- 7 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
- 8 June 30, 2024, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 9 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 10 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
- 11 in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds
- 12 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
- 13 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 14 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 15 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 16 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 17 section 2. In making this determination, the department shall
- 18 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
- 19 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
- 20 authorized by this section.

- 1 SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose
- 2 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2024.
- 3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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### Report Title:

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### Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds (SPRB) to assist E Ola Mau Na Leo O Kekaha with the acquisition, remediation, and development of the old Kekaha Sugar Mill in Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii. (HB1413 CD1)

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